The V. P. School at Thampalakad.

232. ❋ **MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present strength of the V. P. School at Thampalakad in the Kanjirapally district;

(*b*) whether the present school building is spacious enough to accommodate all these students;

(*c*) whether the public of Thampalakad have offered to give the necessary land free of cost to the Government for constructing more buildings; and

(*d*) whether they have prepared a plan and an estimate for the new building and if not, why?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) 406 on the last day of Karkadagom 1112.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) One Mr. Kerulan Nair Raghavan Nair has promised to give some bits of land. 36 Sq. links of land lying on the northern corner of the school has also to be acquired and action is being taken with regard to the same.

(*d*) No. The necessary plan and estimate will be prepared after additional land is obtained for the school.

Surrender of lands for the Nagercoil Water Works.

233. ❋ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Department has surrendered the necessary lands for the Nagercoil Water Works to the Water Works Department; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) Out of a total area of 143 acres, 36 cents and 860 square links to be acquired for the Nagercoil Water Works, 84 acres, 78 cents and 893½ square links have already been handed over to the Water Works Department.

(*b*) Notification under Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Regulation has been published in the Gazette dated 23-11-1937 in respect of 2 acres, 2 cents and 288 square links, which will be handed over to the Water Works Department as soon as the statutory period fixed in the Notification expires. Declarations under Section 6 for the remaining area have been published in the Gazette.

Varnavas in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

234. ❋ **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of clerks or peons in the office of the Director of Public Instruction from the Varnava Community (Pathiyan, Mannan or Vannan Chayakkaran or Pandy Vannan, Ettali, Purathon, Velan, Neryan and Paravan)?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: There are no Varnavas in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

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MR. KAVIYOOR K. K KOCHUKUNJU : വർണ്ണവസമുദായത്തിൽനിന്നും പരിക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർ ആരും അപേക്ഷിച്ചിരുന്നില്ലേ എന്നു ദയവായി പറയുമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : There may have been applications from the members of the Varnava community.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : അവർക്കു എഴുതികൊണ്ടു കൊടുക്കാത്ത ഇന്നു എന്നു ദയവായി പറയുമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Recruitment is made on the advise of the Public Service Commissioner.

Assignment of lands to backward communities.

235. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of acres of Government land assigned at concessional rates to backward communities from the 1st Chingom 1108 to the 1st Chingom 1113 and the communities to which such assignments were made?

MR. K. GEORGE. The *statement required is laid on the table.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : അവശസമുദായങ്ങൾക്കു ഭൂമി പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നതായി കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പട്ടികയിൽ വർണ്ണവസമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർക്കു ഭൂമി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നില്ല. അതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE : അവർ ഭൂമിക്കപേക്ഷിച്ചതായിട്ടും അറിവില്ല.

Tax on cocoanut-growing areas.

236. *MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of average tax per acre of cocoanut growing areas in Cochin and Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE: As per the settlement, the average tax per acre of cocoanut gardens comes to Rs. 8-26-0 and as per the Puduval Rules, the average tax per acre of cocoanut growing areas is S. Rs. 12-14-0 in Travancore. The average tax per acre of cocoanut growing areas in Cochin is S. Rs. 9-1-13¼ (B. Rs. 8-14-6). In Travancore, the number of cocoanut trees assessable in an acre is 100, while the number is 60 per acre in Cochin.

Admission of girl students to the V. M. School, Mayyanad.

237. MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether admission of girl students to the V. M. School at Mayyanad has been prevented of late;

(*b*) the reasons for preventing admission of girls to the said school;

(*c*) whether they have received any representations from the public of the locality that the order to the above effect should be called back; and

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